

Ky Proposes 'Uneven Exchange' for POW's

Proposal Advanced In Saigon

SAIGON (UPI)—Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky said Tuesday he is prepared to "offer an uneven exchange" of North Vietnamese prisoners of war for American airmen held prisoner in North Viet Nam.

Ky made the statement in answer to a question by Rabbi Schולם Rubín, spiritual leader of the Young Israel Congregation of Pelham Parkway, (Bronx), N.Y.

Rubin has been in Viet Nam two weeks visiting with American and Vietnamese officials.

He visited Tuesday with Ky, Chief of State Nguyen Van Thieu and Foreign Minister Tran Van Do.

"I told the prime minister I was curious, not as an official but as a private citizen what he would do about the POW's (prisoners of war) being held in North Viet Nam," Rubin said.

"He told me that first of all he was an airman. As such he said "I understand. I'm one of them."

Rubin said the mustachioed prime minister told him he realized the necessity for avoiding further escalation that might cause a third world war.

"He said he'd like to see those people back home, away from the humiliation and hardships they are facing, and that he would offer any uneven exchange within his power to release the American airmen."

He said the prime minister did not elaborate on his statement. The number of North Vietnamese soldiers being held in South Viet Nam far exceeds the number of U.S. airmen held by North Viet Nam.

In the current Operation Paul Revere alone, U.S. soldiers have captured 91 North Vietnamese soldiers. More than 150 North Vietnamese soldiers have already been captured this year. The Hanof government is holding approximately 70 U.S. airmen.

Rubin spoke with Ky for about one hour. Earlier he spoke with Thieu about the forthcoming elections. He asked Thieu if he thought he would become the first elected president of South Viet Nam.

"He told me he was waiting with his colleagues to see if the civilians could pull together and present a good candidate. Then he would be ready to step down."

"I asked him if he thought that such a candidate had been found."

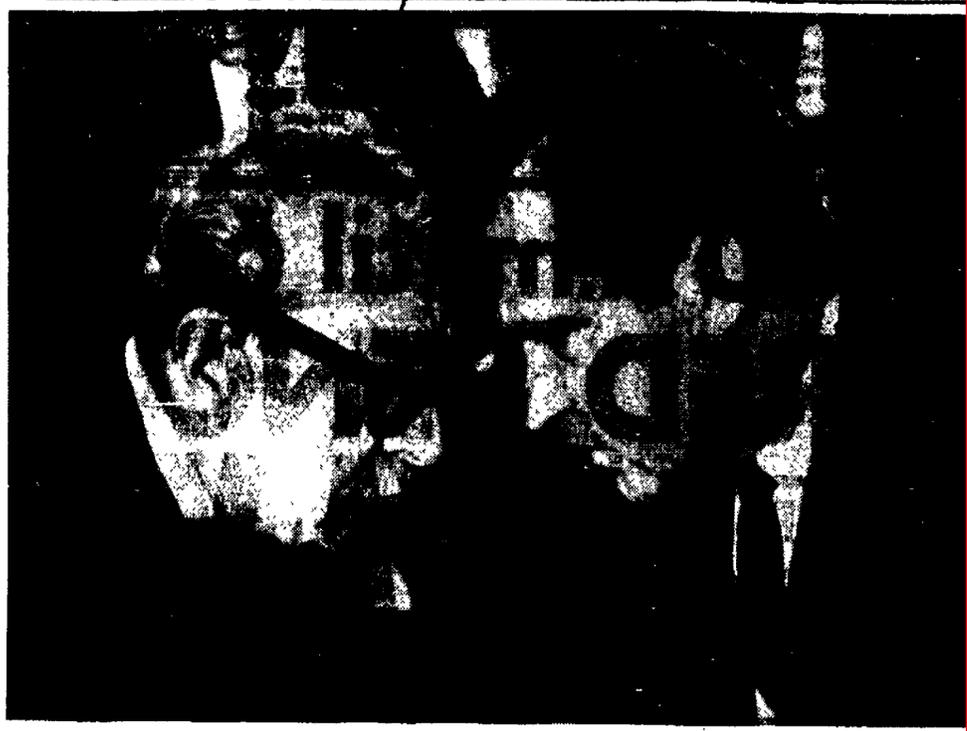
"Not yet," he told me. On the military front, Thieu told Rubin he thought that the war at this point is in favor "of the Allies."

"Lose the war we cannot," the rabbi said.

Accused Man Enters Hospital
SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI)—Accused slayer Dr. Carl Coppolino was rushed from his jail cell to a hospital Tuesday after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was listed in "fair condition."

Coppolino, accused in a sensational double murder in New Jersey and Florida, complained of "sharp pains" while in his cell at Sarasota County Jail shortly after midnight, a jail nurse said.

The ailing doctor, who suffers from heart disease, was rushed to the hospital where doctors said he had apparently suffered a mild heart attack.



FORMER VICE PRESIDENT Richard Nixon (right) and Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen put their heads together during a press conference at the Capitol yesterday. Nixon, who was guest speaker at a luncheon of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said the Johnson administration should get off the "dead end street" of advocating a Geneva settlement of the Viet Nam war and fully support an all-Asia conference. (UPI Telephoto)

RFK Plans Vole Tour

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., riding an early crest of political popularity, will be campaigning from Maine to California for Democratic candidates in the next two months.

His office said Tuesday that, including requests from strictly local candidates in New York State, Kennedy has been asked by upwards of 100 election contenders to make appearances in their behalf.

Kennedy hit an apparent peak of voter popularity in a Gallup poll last weekend. Democrats favored Kennedy over Johnson 40 per cent to 38 per cent for the 1968 presidential nomination and independents gave the senator a score of 38 per cent to 24 for Johnson.

Kennedy now has firm or near-firm plans to speak for Democratic candidates in eight states. They are California, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Maine, Montana and Oregon.

Arrangements are pending in seven or eight other states, an aide said. In any case final plans will be announced by the candidates themselves, he said.

Housing Project Inquiry to Open

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate investigations subcommittee is planning to open hearings Wednesday on government-insured multi-family housing projects built as part of the urban renewal program.

Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., said the first project the subcommittee will investigate is Barrington Plaza in Los Angeles, a 712-apartment high-rise rental complex.

He said the mortgage was originally insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) for \$15.2 million in November, 1959, and the total insurance ultimately reached \$18.6 million. Preliminary investigation disclosed that when the mortgage was foreclosed June 1, the total delinquency in principal and interest amounted to \$21 million.

Racially-distorted Books Scheduled for Spotlight

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The government's chief school official said Tuesday the best solution to the problem of racially distorted school books was to expose them to public view.

He should no longer let the problem be swept under the rug," U.S. Education Commissioner Harold Howe II told a House education subcommittee. He said public hearings on the problem were helpful in getting the situation out in the open.

Could Do Little
But Howe told the subcommittee his agency could do little to force schools to use balanced library and text books because it was strictly forbidden to interfere with state and local education policies.

Howe was the first witness at a planned five-day hearing called by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y. The Harlem congressman has said something should be done about racially distorted and offensive textbooks and biased library books which depict minority groups solely in an inferior and subjugated position—or even worse, ignores them altogether.

Howe deplored the fact that many history books in the schools ignore African and Asian history and until recently made no mention of America

North as well as the South, Negroes since the Civil War. He said one Virginia high school history text discussed the advantages of slavery to the Negroes in America.

Describes Tone
He described the general tone of many school books this way: The world of Look, Jane, Look' usually is a white suburban world. Daddy goes off to work each morning and returns each evening; mother stays home with her children and her pretty house and well-kept green yard.

What relevance does this scene have to the child of the city whose mother works outside the home, whose yard is in the street? The world presented is completely alien, its elements bear no relationship to everyday existence in the city.

Our efforts should be to encourage voluntary action by the states and localities by getting information into their hands," he said. Howe emphasized he had no wish to be a censor.

Such a power is wholly inconsistent with the concept of democracy as we know it," he said. The office of education does not possess such power, nor do we seek it."

The problem of evading meaningful reading material on Negroes and other underprivileged groups exists in the

Rising Medical Costs Face Special U.S. Quiz

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson Tuesday asked the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to undertake a major study of medical costs, which have climbed 3.4 per cent in the past six months.

The President's request was disclosed by HEW Secretary John W. Gardner, who had gone to the White House to submit reports on federal aid to colleges and health legislation. Gardner said Johnson himself had raised the question of rising medical costs and had asked him "to undertake a major study."

Asked if the increase was related to the newly-launched Medicare program, Gardner said only that the costs had been rising for several months. As to what the government could do about doctors' fees, he said he was not sure, but that the study would go into hospital costs, medicines, doctors' fees and other medical expenses.

Reminded that he once expressed fear that the medical insurance program might lead to abuses, he said he was not suggesting that any such thing had resulted from the Medicare program, but that "a hard and very quick look" was in order.

Police Use Tear Gas On Students

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—Federal police fired tear gas bombs in a crowded street Monday night to break up a demonstration by 300 students protesting government intervention at the University of Buenos Aires.

At least 40 students were arrested. In Cordoba, 400 miles to the northwest, 2,000 students stormed into the streets and police blocked off the downtown section and lobbed tear gas into it to disperse the singing, snake-dancing students.

Shoppers strolling along Buenos Aires' Florida Avenue scattered into restaurants and shops when tear gas filled the streets.

The students from the engineering school assembled on the campus and marched to the presidential palace shouting "autonomy and books yes, boots no." The chanters used the word "boots" to connote government intervention.

The clash with police broke out after classes reopened at five of the 10 university campuses, partially ending a three-week shutdown by the government to prevent student agitation.

President Juan Carlos Onganía stripped the university leaders of broad powers last month in an effort to stem what the government regarded as Communist activity. When student protests resulted in demonstrations and a clash with police, the eight universities were padlocked.

Filmland Matinee Idol Francis Bushman Dies

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Francis X. Bushman, whose classic features made him the screen's first matinee idol and earned him more than \$6 million, died Tuesday when he fell and struck his head in his modest home.

His death occurred 40 years to the day another great film lover, Rudolph Valentino, passed away.

Although he was 83 when he struck his head on a cupboard in the kitchen of his Pacific Palisades home, Bushman's silvery leonine mane, bushy eyebrows and powerful frame continued to endow him with the aura of the "King of the Movies" which he was a half-century ago.

Bushman, whose 424 movie roles outstripped the productivity of any other star then or since, remained active in the entertainment world until his death.

A similar fall three days ago had forced him to cancel plans to appear in a western movie at Paramount Studios. It was to have been his first cowboy film and called for him to portray the proprietor of a frontier saloon and gambling casino.

An ambulance crew, summoned to the Bushman home by his fourth wife, Iva, pronounced him dead at the scene. Bushman, attired in a bathrobe, was pouring himself a cup of coffee when the accident occurred.

Doctors had ordered Bushman confined to bed because of the fall Sunday in which he wrenched his right hip and shoulder. Mrs. Bushman told United Press International Monday that he was able to walk around.

She said then that he "feels worse about having to withdraw from the movie than he does about the pain from the fall."

His death came only a few hours before the benevolent thespians staged a memorial service here for Valentino.

Born Jan. 10, 1883 in Baltimore, Md., Bushman was the son of John Henry and Mary Josephine Bushman. He was educated at Calvert and Ammen-dale colleges.

Bushman's theatrical career began with stock companies in such Eastern cities as Baltimore, Buffalo, Rochester and Camden. In 1907, he made his



FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN

Broadway debut in "Queen of the Moulin Rouge." Subsequently, Bushman toured with road companies in such plays as "At Yale," "Going Some," "Sign of the Cross," "Master Thief" and "Thin Ice."

Francis Xavier Bushman's movie debut began in Chicago in 1911, when he appeared in the old Essanay Film Company's "Lost Years."

Women across the nation swooned at the handsome, rugged actor. For the next seven years, Bushman was the top star in Hollywood.

With millions of dollars coming in at the rate of about \$10,000 weekly and with little going out for income taxes, Bushman lived stylishly on a 250-acre estate, where he kept race horses, and 300 Great Dane dogs. He drove a sleek lavender Marmon limousine with "Francis X. Bushman" painted in gold on its side; smoked lavender cigarettes; and had his servants dressed in lavender livery.

At the height of his film career, in 1918, Bushman sued to divorce his first wife, Josephine, so he could marry his leading lady, Beverly Bayne. The divorce suit tipped off his public that not only was he married, but he also had five children. The knowledge wrecked his career.

From 1920-21, Bushman returned to the stage, appearing in Orpheum Circuit vaudeville productions.

A 1926 movie comeback in "Ben Hur" failed, although his role of Messala to Ramon Novarro's Ben brought him immortal screen fame.

The 1929 stock market crash hit Bushman hard. He went to Chicago, where he became a successful radio personality, with some 5,000 broadcasts his main source of income for many years.

In 1943, Bushman returned to the movie screen as financier Bernard Baruch in "Wilson." About eight years later, he appeared in "The Hollywood Story" and "David and Bathsheba."

During the 1950s and until his death, Bushman appeared frequently on television as both a guest and in dramatic roles. His most recent movies included "Lost in Deep Space."

In private life, Bushman served as a member of the Los Angeles senior citizens program and the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging.

Altogether, Bushman had been married four times. His third wife was the former Norma Atkins, who died in 1956. He and his fourth wife, Iva Millencio Richardson, were married, Aug. 15, 1956, in Las Vegas.

Studio Adopts Profit Motive

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union Tuesday launched an experimental, cooperative motion picture studio based entirely on the "profit motive" and the sharing of income.

The leaders of the cooperative venture are famed film director Grigori Chukrai, novelist Konstantin Simonov and director Vladimir Pozner, who had filming experience in Hollywood.

The new enterprise, called ETK (Experimental Creative Film Studio), has no staff employees, pays no salaries and is run entirely by those who write, direct and produce a film.

Satellites Used In Mapmaking

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Navy has begun operation of a mapmaking satellite system for fixing the positions of isolated islands and other places within 25 yards or better.

The system, which started up this week, was developed by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in association with the Navy navigation satellite system now used by the fleet.

The Navy said experimental work with the new mapping system already has made it possible to establish precisely located survey points used in mapmaking.

Mosquito War Slated to End

DALLAS (UPI)—Dallas Health Department officials said Tuesday they hope to have the aerial spraying of malathion to kill the culex mosquito completed by Thursday or Friday if the weather remains favorable.

Six Air Force cargo planes are being used. United States Public Health Service official James Kilpatrick blamed the bird population and the spring floods as possible causes of the encephalitis epidemic that has possibly infected 83 persons and killed five.

"St. Louis encephalitis is generally a closed cycle — birds to mosquitoes to birds. Man wasn't supposed to be in the thing at all," Kilpatrick said.

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